

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 26 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 26 have been rejected. Claim 1 has been amended for clarification. No new matter has been added. Claims 31-34 are newly presented. Accordingly, claims 1, 26 and 31-34 are now pending in the present application.

As per a conversation with the Examiner on July 1, 2009, I agreed to submit these new claims of substantially the same scope as claims 1 and 26, which the Examiner has deemed allowable if the continuation application is abandoned. Accordingly, the continuation application (serial number 12/272,718) will be abandoned herewith.

CONCLUSION

Applicant now believes the present case to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner.

It is believed that all of the pending Claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending Claims (or other Claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any Claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any Claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the Claim prior to its amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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